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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 06157 ACTION SECSTATE AUG 18

QUOTE S E C R E T TEL AVIV 6157

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, IS, IR, IN

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH BEGIN: DAYAN'S VISIT TO INDIA

REF: TEL AVIV 6079

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN THIS MORNING
I ASKED DAYAN WHAT HE COULD TELL ME ABOUT HIS QUICK TRIP
TO INDIA.

2. DAYAN SAID HE FELT THE TRIP HAD BEEN A SUCCESS DESPITE
THE FACT THERE WAS NO POSSIBLITY OF INDIA AND ISRAEL
ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS "RIGHT AWAY." HE

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QUOTED PRIME MINISTER DESAI AS SAYING IT WAS A GREAT
MISTAKE INDIA HAD NOT ESTABLISHED RELATIONS EARLIER, BUT
THAT HE DID NOT FEEL IN A POSITION TO CORRECT THIS ERROR
IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

3. HE SAID HE AND DESAI, WITH THE INDIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER PRESENT, HAD TALKED TOGETHER FOR ABOUT AN

hour and a quarter, the first time there had been top level talks between Israel and India in over twenty years. He thought the principal reason Desai had invited him was because Sadat had asked Desai to use his influence with the Israelis in seeking a middle east peace settlement. According to Dayan, Desai was not in accord with the Arabs, but he did not elaborate on this point.

4. Dayan noted he expected to have another meeting with Desai in October, probably in Europe or New York. He reiterated Desai's concern that news of their meeting be very closely held because of the negative impact it might have on India's large Muslim population.

5. Dayan leaves tonight for Tehran (RefTel) and expects to return tomorrow night.

6. I recommend this message be repeated to New Delhi and Cairo. Lewis. UNQUOTE VANCE

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